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1. HEREWITH FULL TEXT WOLFGANG SAXON ARTICLE, NEW YORK TIMES, MONDAY, AUGUST 22, HEADED "ARAB SIGNAL TO US BELITTLED BY ISRAELI".

2. ISRAEL'S CHIEF DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, CHAIM HERZOG, SUGGESTED YESTERDAY THAT IT WAS MERELY ,FOR WESTERN CONSUMPTION, IF EGYPT, SYRIA AND JORDAN SIGNED TO WASHINGTON A WILLINGNESS TO SIGN PEACE TREATIES WITH ISRAEL AS PART OF AN OVERALL MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

3. THE INTENTION OF THE THREE ARAB NATIONS, ACCORDING TO A REPORT YESTERDAY, WAS CONVEYED TO SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE DURING HIS RECENT TOUR OF THE REGION.

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4. "HOW ON EARTH CAN ONE IMAGINE THAT THEY ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS," MR. HERZOG SAID, "IF THEY DO NOT EVEN WANT TO SIT DOWN IN ONE ROOM AND TALK." HE SPOKE AT A NEWS CONFERENCE BEFORE ADDRESSING MORE THAN 3,000 DELEGATES TO THE 63RD ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE HADASSAH, BEING HELD AT THE NEW YORK HILTON.

5. ISRAEL, HE DECLARED, CONTINUES TO FACE "UNBRIDLED TERROR BACKED BY UNLIMITED WEALTH."

6. BOTH AT THE NEWS CONFERENCE AND IN HIS SPEECH, MR. HERZOG STRONGLY REJECTED WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS A BARRAGE OF TENDENTIOUS REPORTS IN WESTERN NEWS OUTLETS SUGGESTING THAT THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS AND THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WERE MODIFYING THEIR POSITIONS. SUCH REPORTS, HE DECLARED, DEPICT ISRAEL AS THE INTRANSIGENT PARTY, WHEREAS ISRAEL IS READY FOR A MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS THIS FALL BUT THE ARABS HAVE DEMURRED DESPITE AN INITIAL EGYPTIAN ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH A MEETING UNDER UNITED STATES AUSPICES AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

7. MR. HERZOG DECLARED THAT WASHINGTON OFFICIALS "DELUDE THEMSELVES" IF THEY BELIEVE A SETTLEMENT OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT WOULD BRING PEACE TO THE REGION. HE CITED PAST AND PRESENT ARMED CLASHES INVOLVING ARAB NATIONS AND SAID THAT THE "REALLY PEACEFUL BORDERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST TODAY ARE THOSE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HER NEIGHBORS."

8. THE ENVOY, WHO HAS SERVED AT THE UNITED NATIONS UNDER BOTH THE PREVIOUS LABOR GOVERNMENT AND THE LIKUD BLOC, WHICH IS NOW IN OFFICE, SAID IT WAS "HYPOCRITICAL LIP UNCLASSIFIED

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SERVICE" FOR THE ARABS TO DEMAND AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN HOMELAND, BECAUSE THEY COULD HAVE CREATED ONE ON THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP BEFORE 1967, WHEN ISRAEL OCCUPIED THOSE AREAS.

9. HE ALSO DISMISSED AS UNFAIR THE CRITICISM OF ISRAEL ABOUT JEWISH SETTLEMENTS ON THE WEST BANK AND ASSERTED THAT 11 ACTS OF P.L.O. TERRORISM IN ISRAEL HAD AROUSED NO SUCH INDIGNATION ABROAD ALTHOUGH 80 PERSONS WERE WOUNDED AND ONE DIED.

10. "IT IS HISTORICALLY INACCURATE AND MISLEADING TO CHARACTERIZE THE SETTLEMENT OF A FEW THOUSAND JEWISH SETTLERS IN AREAS INHABITED BY OVER ONE MILLION ARABS AS AN OBSTACLE TO PEACE," MR. HERZOG DECLARED. "FURTHERMORE, I ASK YOU WHY SHOULD JEWS NOT LIVE AMONG ARABS WHEN NO ARABS ARE BEING THEREBY DISPOSSESSED? IT IS NOT WRONG FOR ARABS TO LIVE AMONG JEWS IN ISRAEL. WHY IS THE REVERSE FORBIDDEN?"

11. MR. HERZOG ALSO EXPRESSED PRIDE THAT ISRAEL HAD AIDED CHRISTIANS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON WHILE, HE SAID,

CHRISTIAN COUNTRIES HAD ABANDONED THEM IN THE FACE OF  
"ANNIHILATION."

12. THE HADASSAH CONVENTION ALSO WAS ADDRESSED BY  
BERNICE S. TANNENBAUM, PRESIDENT OF HADASSAH SINCE LAST  
AUGUST. SHE SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT BE  
EVENHANDED IF ISRAEL WAS TO HOLD ITS OWN AGAINST "THE  
UNITED ARAB WORLD."

13. "IT MUST FAVOR ISRAEL," SHE DECLARED. CHRISTOPHER

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